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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Claims Board

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT :

Damage and Loss of Household and  
Personal Effects

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status permits him to submit a claim under the  
provisions of claim is submitted as an  
attachment hereto.

Facts

(A) In the fall of 1960, was directed along with his  
colleagues to return to the from his overseas assignment for  
retention or termination. Immediately prior to this recall,  
was on an operational assignment for a period of some sixty days on  
the other side of the world. His dependent spouse had earlier left  
the overseas base and was taking care of an invalid baby,  
who subsequently passed away.

(B) Since it was not known at the time of withdrawal which of  
the assets would be retained, all effects were directed to be shipped  
to Washington, D. C. The effects in question were loaded by local  
indigenous warehousemen on 12 December 1960 and shipped to the  
Armed Forces Household Effects Section, Washington, D. C. They  
were held there until the temporary storage period expired. They  
were then directed to storage in

(C) When it was determined that would remain with the  
Agency, his goods were shipped from to a post of assignment.  
shipped the  
goods "as is" and had not examined the articles. At the time of the  
D. C. and movement, was at the post and requested that  
some \$5,000.00 insurance be placed on the goods at his expense. For  
some reason, although insurance rates were obtained for this purpose,  
the requested insurance was not placed on the goods. We have been  
advised that, since the goods were in trans-shipment, the requested  
insurance, which was not procured, would not have extended to the  
losses sustained. Unless the goods are insured from the point of  
origination, insurance subsequently obtained only covers "Acts of  
God".

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(D) Except for one instance when he visited [ ] commercial warehouse, [ ] had not seen the goods from the time they left the overseas post until they arrived at his [ ] post, with all intervening moves and storages outside of his control.

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3. It is recognized that, in normal instances, the employee is required to insure his own goods and that the Agency will only assume responsibility when security and/or cover are intervening factors. It would appear at first glance that the failure of the individual to obtain the insurance at the point of origination would defeat a claim for recompensation. However, due to security considerations and international implications of the highest order, it is doubted whether [ ] would have been permitted to submit a claim under any insurance policy he had obtained. This would have been to preclude detailed investigation on the case by the insurance company. Such investigation might well have revealed points of origination and destination on an individual who we were trying to hide to the best of our ability.

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4. It is realized that the claim submitted by [ ] does not technically meet all [ ] requirements; however, if the claim is approved for payment, we will obtain whatever paperwork is required, including the requisite "certification against fraudulent claim." Further, although dates and purchase prices are not identified from the nature of the articles damaged or lost, we feel that the amounts requested are reasonable and we will obtain any necessary verifications you desire. Funds are available in OSA to bear this expense.

*for*  
JACK C. LEDFORD  
Colonel, USAF  
Assistant Director  
(Special Activities)

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Attachments:  
Per [ ] Damaged  
7 December 1962  
or Lost Articles

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